

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 16 is a view showing an example of a configuration used to suppress generation of the static electricity.

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 20 with the following amended paragraph:

In this Figure, a printer 10 is connected to a surface electrometer 20 via a cable 115.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 21 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in this Figure, the probe 94 is arranged in a position that is close to the back surface of the printed face of the printing paper 50 and is in the vicinity of a scanning path that the printing head of the carriage 3 draws. The probe 94 measures the potential of the static electricity changed on the back surface of the printing paper 50 and then supplies the measured result to the surface electrometer 20 via the cable 115.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 25 with the following amended paragraph:

The preamplifier 33 amplifies this vibration voltage (impedance transformation), and then supplies the resultant voltage to the amplifying circuit 23 via the cable 115.

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Please replace the second paragraph on page 29 with the following amended paragraph:

Further, the conductive member made of a metal thin film, or the like, for example, may be provided to at least a part of the paper feed roller 65a in place of the strip-off area 65a, and then this conductive member may be earthed.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend figure 9 by changing reference numeral 15 to 115.

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